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FOR TESTING  
AUTOMATED  
PROVISIONING AND  
MAINTENANCE OF  
OPERATIONS SUPPORT  
SYSTEMS

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the April 23, 2007 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application.

The statutory due date for responding to the outstanding Office Action is July 23, 2007. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2461. In view of the amendments and remarks below, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**A listing of Claims** is set forth beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.